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SUBJECT: CSU ORGAN CALLS FOR COMBATING TERRORISM VIA  
MORAL REARMAMENT

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1. LEAD ARTICLE IN SEPTEMBER 10 (SIC) ISSUE OF CSU ORGAN "BAYERN KURIER" ADVANCES THE VIEW THAT FRG'S STRUGGLE WITH TERRORIST EXTREMISTS HAS REACHED THE STAGE OF PARTISAN WARFARE, A STAGE WHICH IS ONLY ONE STEP REMOVED FROM CIVIL WAR. FACT THAT ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY WOLFGANG HORLACHER, THE NEWSPAPER'S ACTING EDITOR, ADDS TO ITS STATURE.

2. BY KIDNAPPING SCHLEYER AND GUNNING DOWN HIS DRIVER AND BODY GUARDS, TERRORISTS ARE SEEN AS HAVING PUT FRG'S DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURE TO THE TEST.

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3. COALITION PARTIES ARE CHARACTERIZED AS UNABLE TO UNDERTAKE THE FAR-REACHING MEASURES NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE TERRORISM AS A FORCE IN FRG POLITICAL LIFE. LEADERS OF SPD AND FDP ARE VIEWED AS HAMPERED FROM ACTING DECISIVELY BY THE ABSENCE OF A CLEAR LINE OF DEMARCACTION BETWEEN DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS, ON THE ONE HAND, AND MARXIST EXTREMIST ELEMENTS ON THE OTHER.

LATTER ARE PORTRAYED AS OPPOSED TO THE ADOPTION OF MEANINGFUL ANTI-TERRORIST LEGISLATION.

4. ARTICLE ADVOCATES ADOPTION OF A STRATEGY WHICH WOULD IMMUNIZE SOCIETY FROM THE HORRORS OF TERRORISM AND PUNISH TERRORISTS SO HARSHLY THAT OTHERS WILL BE DETERRED FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES.

5. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY CALLING FOR WHAT AMOUNTS TO MORAL REARMAMENT.

6. COMMENT. HORLACHER CAREFULLY AVOIDS ADVOCATING SPECIFIC PRACTICAL STEPS FOR COMBATING THE RECENT WAVE OF TERRORISM. IN SO DOING, HE MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO ENHANCE THE EFFECT OF ARTICLE'S APPEAL FOR MORAL REARMAMENT WHILE AT SAME TIME AVOIDING CHARGES THAT THE "BAYERN KURIER" HAS COMPLICATED GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE SCHLEYER ABDUCTION.

7. WE VIEW CSU CHAIRMAN STRAUSS' DECISION NOT TO REPEAT NOT TO TERMINATE HIS VACATION IN CANADA AND HORLACHER'S CAREFUL AVOIDANCE OF SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AS PART AND PARCEL OF CSU'S STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH THE EMERGENT SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE SCHLEYER INCIDENT. STRATEGY SEEMS TO BE TO LIMIT CSU'S CO-RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS "CRISIS COUNCIL" (KRIESENSTAB) SO THAT:

A) ANY DECISION GOVERNMENT MIGHT MAKE IN RESPONSE TO TERRORISTS' EXCHANGE OFFER WILL NOT CARRY STRAUSS' IMPRIMATUR, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND B) GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE IN POSITION TO CRY FOUL IN EVENT STRAUSS SHOULD CRITICIZE ITS HANDLING OF CASE ONCE CRISIS IS PASSED.GILMORE

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